



# Drug Offender Reform Act (DORA)

The Drug Offender Reform Act (DORA) Pilot Program, Senate Bill 1004, passed during the First Special Session of the 2005 Legislature. The purpose of this legislation is to assess the impact and effectiveness of providing substance abuse screening, assessment and treatment services to felony offenders.

DORA requires offenders, convicted of a felony offense—in violation of Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substance Act, in the Third District (Salt Lake County), to be screened and assessed for substance abuse or dependence. The result of this screening and assessment is communicated to the court prior to sentencing.

The goal of DORA is to improve Utah's response to offenders with drug addictions. This is being accomplished in several ways:

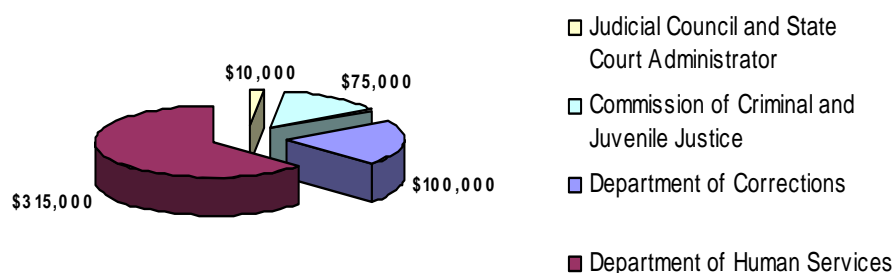
- Drug screening and assessment prior to sentencing
- Treatment and supervision are accessible immediately following sentencing
- Collaborative effort between treatment provider and supervising agency to ensure comprehensive services and consequences

## FUNDING

Senate Bill 1004 implemented a three-year pilot program, appropriating \$500,000 in FY 2006, to begin the pilot study. This amount was divided as follows:

- \$75,000 to the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice
- \$315,000 to the Department of Human Services
- \$10,000 to the Judicial Council and State Court Administrator
- \$100,000 to the Department of Corrections

The total cost for the 250 person (maximum) pilot program is \$1,417,400.



DORA is designed to provide treatment services for 70-100 participants per year, for a maximum of 250 participants over a three-year period. The program is quickly growing. As of December 8, 2005, 28 individuals had been ordered to participate in the DORA pilot as a condition of probation.

State agencies involved with the pilot study will request the balance of \$917,400 from the General Fund for FY 2007 in the 2006 general session. The Governor and the Legislative Fiscal Analyst recommend that \$646,400 be allocated to Department of Human Services to fund the pilot program—which includes treatment, case management and drug testing, thru June 30, 2008.

## *DORA Criteria:*

- Offender must have a current felony drug conviction (cannot be plead to a misdemeanor)
- Offender cannot currently be on felony probation
- Offender cannot be facing a deportable offense
- Offender must have no current or past convictions for a sex offense requiring registration
- Offender's total Level of Service Inventory (LSI) Score must be less than 40
- Offender cannot be ordered to more than 90 days of jail, post-sentencing
- In Salt Lake County, assessment must result in treatment
- Offender cannot be ordered to felony drug court
- Offender must be a resident of Salt Lake County and supervised in Salt Lake County